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For: CARBON FIBER NONWOVEN FABRIC, AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE  
THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed no later than three months from the application's filing date, and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Documents 10 - 17 noted below were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 9, 2006, as documents that were cited in International Search Report; copies and English language Abstracts thereof have been obtained and are provided herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following:

1. The disclosure on page 2 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for JP-A 62-90863 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 62-90863; furthermore, U.S. Patent 4,668,595 cited herein corresponds to the JP 62-90863.

2. The disclosure on page 3 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for JP-A 8-119614 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 8-119614; furthermore, U.S. Patent 5,956,225 cited herein corresponds to the JP 8-119614.

3. The disclosure on page 4 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract of A. NAGAE, *POROSITY CONTROL AND ABSORPTION PROPERTIES OF POROUS CARBONS PREPARED FROM PHENOL RESIN*, Summary of the 29<sup>th</sup> Carbon Society Annual Meeting (2002), pages 92 - 93 (NAGAE) each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of NAGAE.

4. The disclosure on page 4 of the present specification and the English language abstract of JP-A 2002-363858 submitted herewith each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 2002-363858.

5. The disclosure on page 5 of the present specification and the English language abstract of JP-A 2003-033666 submitted herewith each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 2003-03366.

6. The disclosure on page 6 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract of JP-B 2641712 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-B 2641712; furthermore, U.S. Patent 5,578,543 cited herein corresponds to JP-B 2641712.

7. The disclosure on page 7 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract of JP-B 3034027 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-B 3034027; furthermore, U.S. Patent 5,611,964 cited herein corresponds to JP-B 3034027.

8. The disclosure on page 7 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract of JP-B 2640183 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-B 2640183.

9. The disclosure on page 7 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract of JP-A 2000-8227 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 2000-8227.

10. The previously noted indication in the International Search Report of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office, and the present submission of an English language abstract for JP-A 1-282325 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 1-282325.

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14. The previously noted indication in the International Search Report of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office, and the present submission of an English language abstract for JP-A 5-195396 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 5-195396.

15. The previously noted indication in the International Search Report of the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office, and the present submission of an English language abstract for JP-A 3-8811 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 3-8811.

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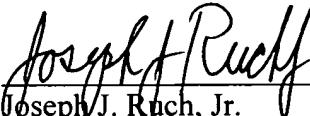
language abstract for JP-A 11-335930 each constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A 11-335930.

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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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